

MEETING THE CITY COUNCIL

WATER SITUATION "STATUE QUO" SAYS COUNCILMAN WELLS

WOULD BAR STREET FAKIRS

Addition Owners Want Water and Grading to Further Development—Question Regarding Street Work

Although but four of the city council were present Tuesday night—just enough for a quorum—quite a number of interesting discussions were taken up after the regular business was disposed of. The new city clerk O. W. Fail, the new attorney, R. E. Rosenstein, and the two new councilmen, Clare Youse and Chas. Wells, were present. The councilmen J. O. Treese and Harry Stein were absent.

Bonds of Henry Horton and other newly appointed city employees were approved. A number of side walk contractors who have made application for annual bonds will be permitted to continue with their work until the next meeting of the city council when the bonds must be in for approval. Everything possible is being done to hasten the building of side walks. The city printing will be let from sealed bids at the next meeting of the council.

Taking In New Additions

Grant Waggoner has been instructed by the city council to take up with the county commissioners the taking into the city of Baxter Springs certain new additions, the owners of which, have made application for admission.

Water Condition "Statue Quo"

Chas. Wells, chairman of the water committee, said his committee was not quite ready yet to report. Certain plans have been made for the consideration of the council. "We are not ready to draft an ordinance for the issuing of the bonds until our plans have been approved by the state board of health with reference to sanitation, etc.," said Mr. Wells. Later during the meeting when James Kidd asked the advice and help of the council in getting water on what is termed the Maplewood addition in the south part of Baxter Springs, which is 10 acres of the 40 acres of which Maplewood sub-division comprises the other thirty. Mr. Wells made some significant remarks on the water situation. Mr. Kidd first asked that the addition be taken into the city which application will be granted when the proper formulae is gone through with. A question was raised by Mr. Wells regarding the streets in the addition as to their conforming with the other streets of the town. Mr. Kidd then asked if the council could give any assurance of reimbursement if he went to work and put in water mains in the addition coupling to an inch main on Military street. Mr. Kidd said other contracts of some kind had been made. Said it was absolutely necessary for them to have water down there. Mr. Wells then said the water situation here was in "statue quo," and said he heard Champ Clark define the term once as follows: After general Kurapatkin was defeated by the Japs at the battle of Mukden he was relegated to Ping Wee where the press notices said he was in "statue quo." When the news hit the little country town everybody about the post office and country store made guesses to the meaning of "statue quo" and all waited for the justice of the peace to arrive, he being the bright light of the town. The justice looked at the term and repeated it a couple of times and said, "Yes, yes, statue quo, that means he is in a H. of a fix." And the Baxter Springs water situation is "statue quo" said Mr. Wells. We have a privately owned water plant here that has made arrangements with some of the outlying property here whereby the property owner has put in the mains and is getting it back by a low water rate. "How soon can we get relief?" asked Mr. Kidd. Wells replied, "We will have to draw a bond ordinance, sell the bonds, build a tower, drill two deep wells, lay the mains and then we will get

to the later mains as soon as possible. Mr. Kidd was informed it would do him no good to attach to any main running to the south part of town now as when the new system was put in the mains would have to be 4-inch or more to secure fire protection.

The light business committee will make a report at the next meeting.

Draw Traffic Ordinance

Chas. Wells asked members of the council to have any objections they might have to a traffic ordinance presented to him this week as he expected to have a traffic ordinance drawn up. One of the things to be incorporated in this ordinance will be some regulations relative to the Southwest Missouri Railway unloading. Mr. Wells said he had already made a half agreement with the officers of the company to do their unloading north of the postoffice instead of on Military street. Another point in the ordinance is to prohibit the jitney drivers from meeting the cars on the corner of Military and Sheridan streets. Mr. Wells said one could hear them squawking like a bunch of magpies. Said that might do for Picher but that we are not Picher. Said we would have an ordinance protecting pedestrians and regular traffic at these points. This met with the approval of all the councilmen present. It seems we have no old ordinance that will back the marshal in stopping speeling for hacks, who a councilman said, made a racket like a bunch of banana peddlers.

Stop Street Fakirs

Chas. Wells says another ordinance he intends having drawn if it meets the approval of the other members of the council as it did those present last night is the placing of an occupation tax on street fakirs so high they can't see over it. Said we had druggists here who paid occupation tax and should be protected. Said the "phony" goods peddlers and medicine fakirs with their painted negroes often carried on their jubeles here until late at night all for a dollar and a half a day.

Mrs. Horner, an out of town resident owning some property in the way of the opening of Fifteenth St., as before mentioned, will be in town sometime this week and it is possible by the next meeting night an ordinance for the opening of that portion of the street can be drawn.

Make Survey Deposit

The city council have passed a rule whereby anyone asking the city engineer to establish a side walk line will have to put up a \$5 deposit to insure good faith. Quite a number of people worked the city to get their building corners by calling the city engineer presuming to get side walk information.

A Mr. Ray, who has bought Spring Grove in the north part of town and James Kidd asked for some street improvements in grading the approaches to his property on Military avenue and Mr. Ray wants the embankment cut down somewhat where the road turns off Military avenue into his property. The street and alley committee will see both properties and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. George Conner delightfully entertained a number of little folks Monday evening from 4 to 6 o'clock at her home on River Drive. The affair was in honor of her little daughter, Louise, seventh birthday. About 25 "kiddies" were present and during the afternoon the children were delightfully entertained with children's games. Miss Louise was the recipient of many pretty gifts from her little friends. The little guests were served ice cream and cake from a prettily decorated table centered with a large birthday cake on which were lighted seven candles.

ALL AIRPLANES MARKED

All airplanes manufactured in the United States for the Army and Navy will bear a red, white and blue bullseye of three concentric circles, similar to the insignia of allied planes on the wings and vertical red, white and blue stripes on the rudders. These markings were adopted by the Joint Army and Navy Technical Board and approved by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

Mrs. W. S. Casity chaperoned her Sunday school class "The Volunteers" on a weiner roast Wednesday afternoon. A delightful time was enjoyed by: Maurine Popplewell, Coleene Treese, Thelma Asbury, Hazel Steele, Ruth Howard, Opal Fowler, Myrtle Hilligoss, Helen Knight, Majorie McDonald and Bessie Kent.

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST WILL CLOSE IN EIGHT DAYS

Judges Selected to Make Final Count and Decide on the Winner of the Handsome Chevrolet Automobile. Closing Rules.

At 3 p. m. on Saturday, April 27th, the Judges in the Daily Citizen and Weekly News contest, will start to count the votes.

There was a meeting of the active candidates Monday afternoon, and all voted to start the count at 3 p. m. instead of 8 p. m. as first advertised. The change being made on account of the closing hour of the bank.

Contestants positively must have all reports in the ballot box by 3 p. m. One minute late and you will not be allowed to deposit your reports into the ballot box.

Don't wait until the very last to make up your final reports. Make a report of each day's work, and be sure your figures and amounts of money are correct. We will provide you with as many envelopes and report blanks as you want, also any information you may desire on the closing particulars.

Your last report made direct to the contest manager will be next Wednesday evening; after that all reports will go into the sealed box which will be at a local bank.

The very few things the candidates must remember are: Absolutely no checks on the last report; Be on time; Have your reports in by Three o'clock sharp.

Remember, you cannot get too many votes—gather in all of your promises, you will need every one you can get.

Below are the judged picked by the respective candidates:

For Miss Alta Archer—Judge, Mr.

T. P. Lewis; relative, Mr. Byrd Willard.

For Mrs. Jas. Hunter—Judge, Mr. Ruben Jensen; relative, Jim Hunter.

For Mrs. Marijer—Judge, Mr. Richard Borman; relative, Chas. Mariner.

For Miss Mildred Popplewell—Judge, J. J. Robertson; relative, T. H. Popplewell.

The judges will count all votes, check all receipt books and reports used from the time the contest started until its close.

At no time during the campaign has the number of votes held by any candidate been published, but the issue of the Daily Citizen following the close of the contest, will publish the names of all contestants and the number of votes earned by them during the whole contest.

The relatives allowed in the counting room, will have absolutely nothing to do with the count, they are allowed to watch the count but will take no active part in the counting. The men selected by the contestants are men well known for their honesty and integrity, and each contestant can be assured of an absolutely fair and impartial count.

If you do not fully understand how final reports must be made, call the contest manager and have things fully explained to you.

Bring in any checks you have made payable to the Daily Citizen or Weekly News, we will endorse them for you so you can get the cash to cover your report.

Mrs. Margaret Kerns, Contest Manager.

The Home Guards met Tuesday night for their first drill. Owing to inclement weather no outside work could be done. Twenty-eight were present.

H. R. Romalie, of St. Louis, Mo., was in town Tuesday looking after some business. Mr. Romalie is considering moving here. He was very much impressed with Baxter Springs, this being his first visit here since 1880 at which time his parents drove through Baxter Springs westward to Wichita. Mr. Romalie thinks this is the prettiest townsite in the state and believes the town will ultimately become the home of nearly all the wealthy mining people of the Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri lead and zinc district. He says Baxter Springs is geographically located just right to become a city.

The Kaiser's boast of divine partnership and that dynamite shell travelling seventy miles to explode in a church on Good Friday constitute a valuable addition to religious history.

Often enough the Kaiser has said, "God is fighting on my side, at my side." The latest evidence of this partnership appears under the newspaper heading, "Seventy-five Killed and Ninety Wounded in Paris Church by a Shell Fired from German Long-Range Gun."

This seems to be a bad year for men whose profession is fighting. Died within a few weeks of each other, John L. Sullivan, Robert Fitzsimmons, Terry McGovern, Mike Donovan, and the latest, Charley Mitchell. William Hohenzollern, please take warning.

The relatives here have received a letter this week from Lloyd Baldwin, "Somewhere in France." Lloyd is getting along all O. K., he says. He is one of Baxter's few boys "over there." Any word from him is interesting to all of us.

ANOTHER BUILDING FOR HOODS

The A. Hood & Sons company have taken the building on the corner of Military and Twelfth St., which is known as the Rogers corner and are remodeling it for an auto repair and accessory shop.

TOOK \$2.20 FROM MEAT MARKET

Chester Bills, a negro 15 years old, was arrested Friday night by City Marshal Henry Horton on a charge of breaking into McAboy's meat market. The boy confessed that he had taken \$2.20 in cash, according to the police. He was turned over to the juvenile court.

W. P. Howard reports that he sold three lots Saturday and one yesterday.

TRADE TESTS FOR SOLDIERS

To increase the accuracy of selecting skilled workers among the enlisted men a system of trade tests has been developed. Exact and comprehensive definitions of the more than 600 different trades represented in the military organization have been brought together in a 300-page book, "Trade Specifications." Tables have been prepared showing the detailed needs of each unit for skilled and unskilled workers. Work has been done in refining methods of selecting and training men for special duties in the Navy, special service regarding selections of aviators, assistance to Provost Marshal General on the questionnaire, and assistance rendered the Surgical department.

ENGLISH MARKETS CUT

English market reports show the amount of home-grown meat of all kinds coming to the principal markets has averaged 55,000,000 pounds a week since January 1, as against 227,000,000 pounds average for the same period of 1916. The number of cattle coming to market has decreased 65 per cent, sheep 40 per cent, hogs 68 per cent compared to the same period in 1916.

Jaqueth & Gilman, whose place of business is now on Tenth street just east of the Hotel Baxter, have an announcement in this paper that will be of interest to auto owners. This firm is taking old casing in part payment for new ones, allowing a much more liberal price than is quoted by the junk dealer. The advertisement will explain the terms on which trades are made.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hunter are now occupying their new home in the Chubb addition.

STOLE CHUBB'S CAR LAST NIGHT

WENT INTO RESTAURANT
TO EAT, BACK IN TEN
MINUTES, CAR GONE

HOCKERVILLE CAR STOLEN

Jack Strong Lost Car in Joplin the Other Night—Thieves Busy in This Section of Country

Automobile thieves seem to have chosen Baxter Springs and vicinity as a favorite working field here recently. D. S. Chubb had a brand new Buick, four cylinder, five passenger car stolen on Military street Wednesday. Archie Chubb had been out driving in the car and came in to town about 11:00 last night, parking the car at the above mentioned place and went across the street to the Everet Cafe to get something to eat. He was not gone over ten minutes and came back and found the car gone. It was reported that the car went up Star school house hill at 11:30 last night but no trace of it or thieves has been found to date. George Peake came in from the east last night about the time of the theft but did not meet the car. George came in by the Filmore bridge and the thieves may have gone north by the Richner bridge. Archie Chubb went to Joplin this morning early in hopes that some one acting under Joplin stimulant might have taken the car for a joy ride and would abandon it in Joplin.

Earl Maddox, who is associated with L. C. Hocker & Sons and lives with Hockers, lost a Ford car from the Hocker place Tuesday night. No trace of this car has been found. Another car was stolen from Hockerville the other night. It also was a Ford. The owner was in town and some one spoke to him about automobile insurance. He said it was a good thing but no one would steal his car. The car was stolen about three weeks ago and has not been heard of since.

Jack Strong had a good Ford car stolen in Joplin Sunday night. A large number of cars have been stolen from Baxter Springs and near here during the last several months.

It is said that Ford automobile insurance is the highest and Buicks next because of being more numerous than other cars.

SENATOR WM. J. STONE, of Missouri

Senator William Joel Stone was born in Madison County, Ky. May 7, 1848. He was educated at the University of Missouri, receiving his LL.D. degree in 1893 and was married to Sarah Louise Winston, April 2, 1874. He was prosecuting attorney of Vernon County, 1873-4, and was a Presidential elector in 1876. He was a member of the Forty-ninth to Fifty-first Congresses (1885-91), from the Thirteenth Missouri District. He was Governor of Missouri, 1893-7, and a member of the Democratic National Committee, 1896-04 (vice-chairman, 1900-04). He was a United States Senator for the terms 1903-09, 1909-15, 1915-21. When stricken with paralysis he was serving as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, which, at that time, was considering draft treaties with Great Britain and Canada. He came into much prominence by his pro-peace speeches delivered just before the United States admitted to a state of war with Germany.

A circle of ladies of the Methodist Aid Society of this city gave a most enjoyable social Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. R. Cook on Eighth street and Park avenue. The hostesses of the affair were Mesdames R. M. Gilman, C. C. Sparlin, L. L. Cardin, E. L. Clark and F. R. Cook. About 70 guests were present. Several musical selections by Mrs. Hazel Cammack and Miss Rummell, also readings by Mrs. E. C. Longmier were enjoyed. In a work basket contest Mrs. Tracy was the lucky one and was awarded a beautiful flower basket filled with carnations. Dainty refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served.

FIRST CEREMONY FOR NEW CHURCH

Farewell to Old Church and Foundation of Hope for New Methodist Home Yesterday

One of the largest Methodist demonstrations ever held in Baxter Springs was that of Tuesday afternoon when a fitting program in farewell tribute to the old church was held on the site and the ground breaking ceremony was held on the site of the new church yesterday afternoon beginning at 3:30.

Perhaps 300 people took part in the ceremony and a large and splendidly executed program was carried out.

After assembling at the old church site, at the corner of Eleventh street and Park avenue, a short but appropriate service was held. One of the speakers expressed the sentiment of the members when he said this gathering would be sad were it not for the vision of the better days. The ministers of the other denominations of the town took part in the program.

Old and feeble members of the church and those ill or unable to walk were brought in automobiles to see the ceremony. A great number of school children were present. After the ceremony at the old church W. W. Scott and J. B. Opperman led a long procession to the site of the new church at the corner of Thirteenth and East streets.

Following is the program as it was given:

Singing, "Nearer My God to Thee"
Address—Mr. John Polster.
Prayer—Mr. J. B. Opperman.
Procession to the new church site at 4:00.

Music.
Scripture—Rev. Popplewell.
Prayer—Rev. Garretson.

Addresses—Mayor Wright, "The Baxter of Yesterday;" Mr. Harvey, president of Chamber of Commerce, "The Baxter of Tomorrow."

Turning the soil by the old members.

W. W. Scott, "The Church of Yesterday;" Ed G. Polster, "The Church of Today;" Lloyd Youse, "The Church of Tomorrow."

Singing: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Benediction.

MEN WANT JOBS ON THE FARMS

Twenty-five Applications for Jobs from Good Hands But Not a Call from the Farmers

It has been so currently reported that there is a big shortage of farm hands in Cherokee county, as there is elsewhere, that the Baxter Springs Chamber of Commerce thought that it would be able to do the farmers some service within the trade territory of Baxter Springs, by acting as a clearing house for farm help. The plan has only half worked. While there has been twenty-five applications for farm jobs, the secretary has not been able to place a single man on a farm. Just yesterday a fine young fellow with plenty of good experience and credentials asked the secretary for a job and the secretary spent considerable time in phoning over the country but not a farm job could be had.

Possibly this section here is supplied with farm hands. The Daily Citizen would welcome some information on the subject from some of the farmers in this section of the country who are informed on the subject.

With the bringing in of the Elverus Investment well No. 1 at Tulsa, Okla., another field has apparently been brought in. It is a 75 barrel, 2,660 feet down and three miles from production. The Prosperity well No. 1 near there, has 1900 feet of oil in four feet in pay, and operations were shut down for tankage.

Mrs. J. W. Graham of Afton, Okla. is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jno. Jones of this city. Mrs. Graham will return to her home Friday.